

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 289

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Gene and Bobbie Caldwell on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 1953, Gene and Bobbie Caldwell were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell have been highly respected citizens of the Oak Ridge community for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Gene and Bobbie Caldwell have worked diligently and in numerous capacities to improve the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, in his illustrious medical career, Dr. Caldwell served as Chief of Staff of the Oak Ridge Hospital, as Staff Pediatrician at the Children's Clinic in Oak Ridge, on the Board of Directors for the Fort Sanders Management Group and Preferred Health Partnership Board and as a volunteer lobbyist for the Tennessee Pediatric Society; and

WHEREAS, also establishing a remarkable political career, Dr. Caldwell served three terms in the House of Representatives of the Tennessee General Assembly, ably representing House District 33; he was a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, this lovely couple is most grateful to have shared both love and companionship with their children, Deborah and Curt Bader, Randolph and Diana Butzke Caldwell, the late Sarah Katherine Caldwell, Amanda and Scott Spaid and Jennifer and Chris Weaver; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell are also the proud grandparents of Ian Alexander Caldwell; Sean, Sarah and Adam Spaid; and Jeremy and Nathan Birdwhistell; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Caldwell's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. and Mrs. Gene and Bobbie Caldwell on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.